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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Bill

On March 11, 2009, President Obama signed H.R. 1105, the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act (Public Law 111-08), into law. This bill includes a total of \$410 billion in funding for discretionary (non-entitlement) programs, which had been temporarily funded under a Continuing Resolution since FFY 2009 began on October 1, 2008. This includes all state and local grant programs other than Department of Homeland Security programs which were funded under legislation (Public Law 110-329) enacted last September. Overall, the bill provides approximately \$31 billion, or 8 percent above the amount appropriated in FFY 2008.

FFY 2009 Funding Levels for State and Local Grant Programs

H.R. 1105 funds most State and local formula grant programs through which the County receives funding at or near their FFY 2008 levels, as seen in the attached table with the FFYs 2008 and 2009 program funding levels. The most notable exception is that Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) formula grant funding increased from \$166 million in FFY 2008 to \$532 million in FFY 2009. All of the FFY 2009 funding provided for JAG and other programs in H.R. 1105 is in addition to any funds appropriated under the economic stimulus bill (Public Law 111-05).

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Only two programs of County interest receive funding reductions for FFY 2009. Funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) was reduced by \$10 million (2.4 percent) to \$400 million, and Hospital Preparedness Grant funding was reduced by approximately \$32 million (7.9 percent) to \$371 million. The County's annual SCAAP payment is based on its percentage share of total reimbursable undocumented criminal alien incarceration costs. Because this percentage varies from year to year, the County potentially could receive a larger SCAAP payment in FFY 2009 even though total SCAAP funding was reduced by \$10 million. It is noteworthy that, in FFY 2007 when SCAAP was funded at \$400 million, the County received a SCAAP payment of \$15.13 million -- more than its SCAAP payment of \$14.05 million in FFY 2008 when SCAAP was funded at \$410 million.

The bill increases funding for all of the major Housing and Urban Development programs through which the County receives funding, including the Community Development Block Grant which increased by \$49 million to \$3.642 billion and Homeless Assistance Grants which increased by \$91 million to \$1.677 billion in FFY 2009. As in FFY 2008, Congress did not include any appropriations for the new Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) authorized under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-140). However, the recently enacted economic stimulus bill appropriated \$3.2 billion for the EECBG, and the U.S. Department of Energy currently is developing guidelines needed to implement the new program.

Other programs of County interest which received funding increases include the Community Services Block Grant which increased by \$46 million to \$700 million, Ryan White AIDS Emergency Assistance Grants which increased by \$36 million to \$663 million, and Older Americans Act programs which received small increases.

Earmarked Funding for Projects in Los Angeles County

The bill also includes a combined total of \$1.855 million in earmarked funding to County departments for the following projects:

- Sheriff: Anti-Gang Intelligence Data Sharing and Analysis (\$300,000);
- Sheriff: Automatic License Plate Recognition System (\$200,000);
- Sheriff: Temple Station for Mobile Law Enforcement Automobile Investigative System (\$35,000);
- Sheriff: Altadena Station for Youth League (\$30,000);
- Public Works: North Los Angeles County Regional Recycled Water Project (\$900,000);

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- Community Development Commission: Computer Literacy Program (\$200,000); and
- Parks and Recreation: Charles White Park (Altadena) Renovations (\$190,000).

In addition, the bill includes funding for the following Army Corps of Engineers projects of County interest:

- Marina del Rey Maintenance Dredging – South Entrance and Main Channel (\$2,320,000);
- Los Angeles County Drainage Area Operations and Maintenance (\$3,709,000);
- Los Angeles County Drainage Area Construction (\$5,455,000);
- Arroyo Seco Watershed Feasibility Study (\$96,000);
- Coast of California Sediment Master Plan (\$822,000); and
- Sun Valley Watershed Feasibility Study (\$143,000).

We will continue to keep you advised.

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Attachment

c: All Department Heads
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**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2009 FUNDING LEVELS FOR FORMULA GRANTS
OF COUNTY INTEREST IN OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS BILL
(in millions)**

PROGRAMS	2008	2009
<u>Justice</u>		
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program	\$ 410	\$ 400
Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	166	532
Southwest Border Prosecutor Program	30	31
<u>Health and Human Services</u>		
Public Health Preparedness Grants	700	700
Hospital Preparedness Grants	403	371
Ryan White AIDS Emergency Assistance	627	663
Maternal and Child Health Grant	659	662
Substance Abuse Block Grant	1,680	1,699
Mental Health Block Grant	400	400
Social Services Block Grant	1,700	1,700
Community Services Block Grant	654	700
Child Welfare Services	282	283
Refugee Social Services	154	154
Refugee Targeted Assistance	49	49
Older Americans Act (OAA) Family Caregivers	153	154
OAA Congregate Meals	411	434
OAA Home-Delivered Meals	194	214
OAA Nutrition Services Incentive	153	161
OAA Supportive Services	351	361
<u>Labor</u>		
Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Adult Training	862	862
WIA Youth Training	924	924
WIA Dislocated Workers	1,184	1,184
Title V Older Americans Employment	522	572
<u>Housing and Urban Development</u>		
Community Development Block Grant	3,593	3,642
Section 8 Tenant-Based Rental Assistance ⁽¹⁾	14,695	15,034
Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance	6,382	7,100
Section 8 Administrative Fees	1,351	1,450
Public Housing Operating Fund	4,200	4,455
Public Housing Capital Fund	2,439	2,450
Homeless Assistance Grants	1,586	1,677
HOME Investment Partnerships Formula Grant	1,629	1,821

(1) Dollar amount is for contract renewals